

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Trees offer the comfort of their shade; give beauty in the landscape; provide shelter from winter's storms; modify the climatic extremes, and we need all of these in South Dakota.

It seems a wise custom that governors of our territory and state for many years have by proclamation set aside one day of each spring for observing a tree planting program. Both federal and state aid have been devoted to this plan for promoting comfort and beauty.

Arbor Day has become an accepted institution for awakening all to the value of planting shrubs and trees about our homes, our farms, our streets and public buildings. Trees that our forefathers planted in the pioneer days have brought to our attention the value of the mature tree for fuel and shelter in an emergency like we are now experiencing. We should plant and encourage the planting of as many trees as possible this spring.

The birds which bring us their delightful songs to soothe our spirits, their bright plumage to enliven the groves and prairies, their helpful protection to the crops blend into the plans for groves and hedges and shelter belts.

Now, therefore, in conformity with the President's Forest Protection Week proclamation, I hereby designate Friday, April 22nd, as Arbor and Bird Day.

It is earnestly urged that the day be observed in the spirit of service to coming generations as well as ourselves, and that appropriate exercises be held in the schools and a sufficient holiday be arranged for that purpose.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Pierre, this 10th day of March, 1932.

WARREN GREEN, Governor.

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH COYNE  
Secretary of State.

(GREAT SEAL)

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